Seats for the Students of Kendriya Vidyalayas in MBBS/BDS Courses

2703. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some earmarked seats for admission to MBBS/BDS courses for students of Kendriya Vidyalayas and/or Kendriya Vidyalayas of North-East region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria of selecting these candidates and agency through which it is made; and

(d) the names of those selected candidates under the provision since inception of such a reservation?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Pay Scales of University Teachers

2704. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised its decision to enhance the pay scales of university teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have increased the pay scales according to the University Grants Commissions (UGC) recommendations; and

(d) if not, the details regarding the advantages of Rastogi Commission Report vis-a-vis the University Grants Commission's recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Government had announced certain pay structure for the Teachers of Universities and Colleges. However, the Government have received representations from the various teachers' associations against the announced pay-structure as also certain directions from the Delhi High Court for re-consideration. A final view on the matter is likely to be taken shortly.

Guru Nanak Chair

2705. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the fate of Guru Nanak Chair Instituted by the UGC at Jadavpur University in 1969;

(b) whether it has been thrown open since 1980 and it is no longer confined to the Sikh Studies; and

(c) if so, whether there is any move to revive the Chair on the eve of the tricentenary celebration of the Khalsa in 1999?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to Publish Catalogue of Literary and Historical Works

2706. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of literary and historical works including Mirza Ghalib's poems of the 19th century on William Bentinck, Sir Charles Metacalfe and Lord Auckland and Henry Parker's translations of works by Sadi, Meer and Hafiz of the 18th Century are lying unused in archival repostories; and